

PATENT APPLICATION



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In re application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY LOADING POWDER MATERIAL INTO A MOLD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, dated March 27, 2002, Applicant elects Group II, claims 11-22 (drawn to an apparatus for automatically loading a desired amount of powder material, classified in class 425, subclass 259) for examination on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-10.

Please charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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